

St. Thomas the Apostle Women's Club 2010-11 Minutes of March 8, 2011

Attendees: Jean Carr, Celeste Calabotta, Kathy DeConti, Anne Donovan, Teresa Duprey, Joan Furness, Nancy Grogan, Ginny McCarthy, Marge McKay, Maria Militello, Lori Monahan, Maribeth Navin, Ellen O'Connor, Debbie Reed, Pamela Smith

- **Meeting was called to order at 7:05**
 - Opening Prayer: Ginny McCarthy
 - **Presentation by Guest Speaker Celeste Calabotta:**
 - There will be a women's retreat at our Lady of Calvary Retreat House in Farmington, Ct on March 25th-27th for the women of West Hartford parishes
 - Teresa Duprey will send information via e-mail to promote the weekend. There is financial assistance available and Teresa will include that information in her e-mail.
 - Positives

- **Review of Minutes –**
 - Review of January Minutes. No formal meeting in February as we had Raising Kids in Faith.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Maribeth reported \$ 3,620.77 in checking account as of 2/28/2010
 - \$500 will stay in the checking account leaving \$3,120.77 for disbursement
 - Proceeds from March's bake sale will only add to the amount we have for disbursement
 - Last bake sale raised \$861. 00. We are hoping to reach \$1000 with the March bake sale.
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- **Committee Up-dates:**
 - **There were no up-dates for:**
 - Altar Guild - Cindy Oleyer & Dolores Jaeger
 - Baptismal Gifts - Cathy Lapenta
 - Guild of St. Agnes- Janet Quinn
 - Hospitality - Pat Rabinovitz
 - Meals on Wheels - Joan Schweitzer
 - Publicity - Jenny Travers
 - World Prayer Day Coordination - Suzanne Rufee

- Circle of Friends/Bridges to Hope - Lori Monahan
 - Anyone interested in joining Fr. Richard in a trip to Uganda in October, 2011 is asked to contact Kevin Monahan at hsbkmm@comcast.net.
 - The Circle Farm continues to be the focus of fund raising activities and the Farm is doing quite well with very little money
 - Fr. Richard will be celebrating his 25th anniversary as a priest in Uganda in October, 2011

- Friendly Visitor Program - Kathy DeConti
 - Kathy now has an equal number of visitors with people needing a visitor

- Honor Guard - Jean Carr, Joan Cormier, & Muriel Wintrode
 - There were two funerals in the past week. Both were well attended.
 - Jean is soliciting more people for the Honor Guard. She will be sending an e-mail and/or using the newsletter

- Membership - Pam Smith
 - We now have 106 members
 - Some new members were added over the past couple of months

- Newsletter - Maribeth Navin
 - There will be one more newsletter before the end of the year. It will be in early May.
 - Would like to find a member to highlight in this issue

- Parish Council Liaison - Teresa Duprey
 - The Parish Council will not meet until Monday March 14th, as they meet the second Monday of the month. Therefore there was nothing to report.

- Telephone - Stephany Sokolowski
 - Stephany and her group are making calls to the members to find women willing to bake for the March bake sale

- Past Events
 - Raising Kids in Faith Workshop was held in February
 - February coffee hour was hosted by the Women's Club
 - World Day of Prayer in support of Chile was held on March 4, 2011. Maria Militello and Jean Carr attended.
- Up-coming Events
 - Bake Sale on March 19-20
 - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Council has teamed up with the Holy Cross Alumni Club of Hartford to further replenish our STA food pantry during the weekend of March 26-27 after each mass. This collection is in addition to the monthly food collection that takes place every second weekend of the month.
 - Fashion Show on 10/4/2011 – Ellen O'Connor and Pat Rabinovitz as event chair people. BK&Co will be hosting. Committee members include:
 - Anne Donovan (Annedonovan@comcast.net)
 - Caitlin McEntee (kittycat1226@aol.com)
 - Cindy Oleyer (oleycr@aol.com)
 - Ellen O'Connor (ellenoc@sbcglobal.net)
 - Jean Carr (gertysmom@aol.com)
 - Joan Sonski (jsleorose@aol.com)
 - Marge McKay (celtic1004@aol.com)
 - Maria Militello (mcmilitello@comcast.net)
 - Pat Robinovitz (palew@comcast.net)
 - Spiritual Speaker is still scheduled for April 12. Joan Sonski has not yet firmed up a speaker. More information to follow.

- New Business
 - Bylaws updated: Historian Committee, Updating responsibilities for Corresponding Secretary (bulletin up-dates and website up-dates)
 - STAWC Nominating Committee for 2011-12
 - Marge McKay
 - Cindy Oleyer
 - Ellen O'Connor (tentative)
 - Maria Militello
 - Maribeth Navin
 - Greeters Discussion
 - Crossfire members will be attending some masses and acting as greeters to help facilitate our image as a friendly community

- Teresa messenger for Parish Council: Women's Club members should all strive to be unofficial greeters by greeting people in church (say hi to someone new, introduce yourself to someone you don't know, etc.)
 - Role of fundraising with STAWC – Maria Militello
 - Finance Committee formed to discuss disbursements
 - Members are:
 - Maribeth Navin
 - Maria Militello
 - Marge McKay
 - Jean Carr
 - Ginny McCarthy
 - Teresa Duprey
 - The findings of the committee will be presented at the next meeting. May result in a change in bylaws.
 - Installation of new Board Members
 - Tentatively scheduled for June 3rd at 7pm in the Parish Center. Teresa will check with Janet to see if the parish center is available for that night.
 - Cost of the food will be funded by ticket sales; anticipates ticket price is \$15
 - Night will be open to Board Members and Committee Members
 - Installation of the Board Members will be announced at Mass on June 7th
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- Closing Prayer - Ginny McCarthy
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:55